

**ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM
37615 E. HIGHWAY 60, SUPERIOR, AZ
MINUTES
MAY 18, 2006**

Board Members Present

William C. Porter, Chairman
William Cordasco
Janice Chilton (arrived at 9:11 a.m.)
William Scalzo
Reese Woodling
Elizabeth Stewart
Mark Winkleman (arrived at 9:11 a.m.)

Staff Present

Kenneth E. Travous, Executive Director
Jay Ream, Assistant Director, Parks
Mark Siegwarth, Assistant Director, Administration
Cristie Statler, Executive Consultant
Debi Busser, Executive Secretary

Attorney General's Office

Joy Hernbrode, Assistant Attorney General
James Morrow, Assistant Attorney General

A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. He noted that although Mr. Woodling has been confirmed by the State Senate, the paperwork did not arrive at the Phoenix Office prior to today. While Mr. Woodling does not have voting rights today, he can participate in the Board meeting. Ms. Hernbrode agreed and stated that she did not have any concerns about Mr. Woodling participating in this meeting.

B. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF

The Board and staff members introduced themselves. Chairman Porter asked that anyone wishing to address the Board on any item on the Agenda fill out a Request to Speak form.

C. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Approve Minutes of April 27, 2006 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting**
- 2. Designation of Park Ranger Law Enforcement Officer** – Due to the State Parks Board's current meeting schedule, and the projected date of Ms. Denison's graduation from the police academy (May 26, 2006), staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board designate Patricia Denison as Arizona State Parks Law Enforcement Officer, contingent upon her successfully completing the CARLOTA training.

Mr. Scalzo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Cordasco seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

1. Report on ASCOT

Ms. Reba Granrud-Wells, Chairman, Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) addressed the Board. She distributed a copy of Historic Trails Maps to the Board. She reported that ASCOT have a lot of things going on. Last October they had a Volunteers Workshop entitled, "Helping Hands on the Land". This workshop brought together agency managers and volunteers to talk about what works and what doesn't work with successful partnerships. The main objective was to bring those two groups together with ideas they could really work on. She reported that 100 people attended, including managing agencies, trail volunteers, and non-profit organizations. They stayed overnight at the Lake Pleasant Desert Education Center. It was a wonderful experience for all the attendees.

Ms. Granrud-Wells reported that last Friday ASCOT had a joint meeting with the Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Committee (OHVAG). This is a meeting that occurs every year in the spring for the two advisory committees to talk about common goals. They partnered with OHVAG and will try to host a larger, multi-day conference next year.

Ms. Granrud-Wells added that one of their projects this year will be working with the Board to promote not only ASCOT and the trails system but also the parks. ASCOT added a few pages to the Passport. It celebrates the agency's 50th Anniversary. Each page has a stamp for one of the parks. They wrote a page for the Anza Trail. The Arizona National Historic Trail has been getting a lot of attention. Pima County is working hard on it. Arizona Trails Management and Development is housed in Arizona State Parks (ASP). They encourage people to stay at the parks when using the trails.

Ms. Granrud-Wells reported that ASCOT is hosting the, "Best Trails in Arizona" photo contest. Categories include: user groups, landscape, and best photo for a trail in a state park or trails system.

Ms. Granrud-Wells stated that ASCOT believe a lot of people are not familiar with the trails in the state. There is a need to get information that we have these trails out to land managers and others.

Ms. Granrud-Wells added that the map is in its third reprint and that thousands are being printed. A map that was produced in 1998 has been updated. They are pre-railroad routes and are not detailed enough for people to take these trails. The reason for this is that they will call ASP to get correct information on them. Some of these trails are on private land and permission is required to access them.

Ms. Granrud-Wells stated that ASCOT is a wonderful committee. They created this brochure. They are trails people and some are historians. They are talking about what else they might be able to do. One suggestion was to create a State Parks Trails System map. Another idea was to produce a one-page handout that would go to the parks.

Ms. Granrud-Wells added that ASCOT has approached four Southern Arizona Native American Tribes that work closely together. ASCOT talked to them about the

possibility of ASCOT helping them produce a Native American brochure and map. That is as far as the discussion went. There was some interest. ASCOT has continued working with the individual groups. She added that ASCOT's next step is to produce a mock-up that would have a blurb on the back about Native American trails. They need to tell ASCOT which trails they would want included. They are hopeful that the Native American Tribes will want to do this project.

Mr. Scalzo noted that the Arizona State Tourism agency gives grants for maps and suggested they might be willing to work with ASCOT with their grant programs.

Ms. Chilton noted that she sits on the Arizona Native American Tourist Board. This would be a place ASCOT could go to as well.

Ms. Stewart stated that, in terms of the one-page trail write up, she thought it would be helpful for each park to have something geared to that park. Visitors at a park want information about what they can see or do. The map has all kinds of trails going through parks. Some kind of siting map outside would be helpful to show people where the trails in or near that park are even if they aren't accessible. People could orient themselves. The information is there, it just needs to be put into a format people can identify with when they just want a little information.

Ms. Granrud-Wells reported that they had success the last three years with a historic trails session at a trails session at the History Convention. Their trails session has gone over very well. At the last convention in Tucson they had about 90 people attend their session.

In closing, Ms. Granrud-Wells stated that there are a lot of ways to promote trails. ASCOT is looking at how to promote ASP.

Chairman Porter thanked Ms. Granrud-Wells for her report. He noted that the Board appreciates what ASCOT is doing.

Ms. Stewart added that ASCOT is a real working group.

Chairman Porter added that ASCOT did a wonderful job at the History Convention. He also thanked Mr. Travous for his outstanding presentation at the luncheon.

Mr. Porter noted that there are a number of people in the audience who wished to address Agenda Item D.10 and moved to that item.

10. Contact Point

Mr. Ream reported that the Board directed ASP staff to look into the feasibility of putting a park at Contact Point. Since then, he met with the BLM (the strongest partner because this property is surrounded by BLM land). He stated that BLM supports this process. They will work with staff on an initial master plan process.

Mr. Ream added that he has appointed a Project Manager for this project – Mr. Ray Warriner – who will work closely with Mr. Charles Eatherly.

Mr. Ream reported that, in the meanwhile, he has an hour-long telephone discussion with the Mayor of Lake Havasu. At his meeting with the BLM, he found that NAU was looking at a four-year college to be sited around the City of Lake Havasu. They thought that perhaps ASP and the University were looking at the same property. They thought

he personally was going to stop the University. He stated that Mr. Warriner is looking into the land use issue. The BLM land is too far away. BLM stated that ASP was looking at the same land the University wants. It is land the agency looked at in the past. It is not in the disposable land list for BLM. The two pieces of land included for disposal are not near Contact Point. ASP is not interested in that land. He added that staff have barely scratched the surface on meeting the request of the Board for a staff analysis.

Mr. Ream added that this could be bigger than staff can handle. It will require extensive assessments before ground could be broke on the land. It will require hiring a consultant. This is the time and place for BLM, Lake Havasu City, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, and Mohave County to structure a land agreement. This is the time to set the rules of the lake. This development will be used to coordinate tourism information, camping information, and enforcement of rules of the lake.

Mr. Cordasco asked staff to go over this again.

Mr. Ream responded that the Board owns property it is developing as a park. It will tentatively include boat launch ramps, an education center, a marina, and other amenities. In 1995 ASP had a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BLM where BLM said they would turn over land to ASP that was located at Contact Point. While he hesitated to say they reneged, those lands were not ultimately selected for the disposable lands list.

Mr. Travous stated that he had no problem saying BLM reneged on their promise. ASP signed the MOU. The new Director of the BLM came in and nixed it.

Mr. Ream referred to a map and pointed out the piece the Board owns. Section 24 is the piece the Mayor identified as a possible place for a university. He then referred to a road that will come in. They thought the Board wants that land. At one time that was true but staff know the agency is not going to get it, and it is not on the radar screen.

Ms. Stewart noted there were a lot of plans for such a small piece of land when the Board met in Lake Havasu in February.

Mr. Ream responded that there is more land than that.

Chairman Porter added that there have been discussions in terms of wanting an educational entity involved in the development.

Ms. Stewart stated that at that last meeting in Lake Havasu there was talk about having classes with the local high school.

Mr. Scalzo asked about access.

Mr. Ream responded that, in lieu of BLM reneging on the earlier MOU, they would now like to provide a road.

Mr. Scalzo noted that that needs to be in writing from the BLM.

Mr. Woodling asked where Contact Point is.

Mr. Ream pointed it out on a map.

Mr. Winkleman asked how many acres the Board has there.

Mr. Ream responded that it is more like 300 acres.

Mr. Travous noted that this is a big deal with long-lasting consequences. It quickly gets out of the agency's realm of expertise and will require bringing experts in.

Mr. Porter responded that some of the people wishing to speak today have stated in the past a willingness to help financially. He would like to hear some reassurances from them.

Mr. Ream referred to a large map and pointed out Contact Point again.

Ms. Stewart noted the Board owns less than 300 acres.

Mr. Ream agreed.

Mr. Woodling asked why ASP would be interested in the land the University is looking at.

Chairman Porter responded that they are not.

Mr. Ream added that it was part of a previous land exchange. BLM promised those two sections to ASP to make the land exchange equal.

Ms. Stewart added there are a lot of proposed uses for that small amount of land. She noted that the Board talked about having a multi-disciplinary team within the agency formed to work together and raise issues. She asked if that has been done.

Mr. Ream responded negatively. It will be the same group that is currently working on Tamo.

Ms. Stewart stated that it is critical that there be input from inside the agency in addition to the outside about what should happen there. There has been a lot of input from other entities presenting their interests. It is important for those with the expertise within the agency to meet about what needs to be done there so that ASP's interests are included.

Chairman Porter asked if staff would be able to get the Environmental Study launched.

Mr. Ream responded that the idea of the interdisciplinary team is to almost work it as an RFP. He believes Mr. Siegwarth will be requesting budget money in July to start the process.

Mr. Scalzo asked if the agency could get a large contribution from the community to get it done.

Chairman Porter noted that is a good suggestion. If staff wait to get budget money for this project, it may not get started.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that Lake Havasu is a big lake. There are several problems. One is whether the Board will look at Contact Point and nothing else. If that's the case, then it can probably be done. To fix all the problems on the lake requires a Master Plan with a lot of partners. It could be a large RFP. Staff need to work with our partners to see what they could assist with. Our budget cannot fund it alone. There may be a need for SLIF money that is not granted out. SLIF is under sever duress at this time.

Chairman Porter noted that if the Board waits through the budgetary process to do this project there is a good chance the Board will not be able to do it.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that he believes the 2007 budget is final. It would be 2008 or 2009.

Mr. Porter noted that staff will have to start looking at professed willingness from others to put significant money into this project. This agency is not going to be able to solve all the problems of the lake itself.

Ms. Stewart noted that at the meeting in Lake Havasu it sounded like they were all looking at this property as solving all their problems.

Mr. Floyd Hamilton, Havasu Foundation for Higher Education, addressed the Board. He stated that they may have been in contact with the Mayor who misinterpreted what they are after. They are at this meeting to ask the Board to be a partner with them on Section 24. One of the first times they drove through that property they noted that ASP is interested in it because of access and the opportunity for a road the agency lacks. They talked to BLM. BLM are amenable to a partnership that includes ASP, NAU, Lake Havasu City, the local high school district, and other partners such as the Mohave County Community College. They are willing to go along with dividing up the property that would include a right-of-way for the road to ASP. They are not here as an enemy, but as a friend.

Ms. Susan Youngdahl, Havasu Foundation for Higher Education, distributed a copy of a letter they sent to Chairman Porter. She stated that the property Mr. Ream mentioned is not on the current land disposal list. It is on the land disposal list for an RP&P in the final proposed plan. It will be issued to the public for comment in September. BLM says September 2007 is the soonest they would be able to place an application. They are talking about a Master Plan to include a university complex and something from the high school. It would go along with having a lab from the high school. They are at a point where the City will need a second high school. They looked at this as offering some of this area as an interpretive center. The Board has talked about a public information center. This gives the Board the opportunity to come into a partnership with all of these entities, look at a Master Plan, and bringing together education and water recreation. She doesn't know of any other place that has this opportunity to combine all of these entities.

Mr. Woodling asked how the University would be funded – by the state or privately.

Ms. Youngdahl responded that they looked closely at the Sierra Vista Plan. There, the local community came up with the funds. This is the same process that will be used at Lake Havasu. They are looking at the University as an economic activity. NAU contributes \$1 billion to Coconino County. Universities are funded a little differently now. They are not going to the legislature. They are saying the community wants it and they will put the investment into it. That is where this foundation comes in.

Ms. Youngdahl added that NAU talked to them about this. Universities operate on a 10-minute rule. Students want to be 10 minutes from the university. This is why they are looking at this area instead of the first piece they looked at. It brings the campus closer to town and provides opportunities to link with ASP and the high school. They are excited to be involved. The soonest an application can be put in for this property is September 2007. This gives them time to form partnerships and parcel out the land.

Ms. Stewart noted that they are talking about 320 acres. She asked how much of that would be for the university and for the high school.

Ms. Youngdahl responded that they can combine use of facilities. The average university sits on 230 acres, including dorms. They are looking at student housing beyond that. They think 320 acres is sufficient.

Mr. Jim Komick noted that he and Mr. Ken Komick were there to show support. He stated that the City is so much behind this program that they are talking about City funding to bring in utilities and roads. The City has been anxious to get a marina in for the last 10 years.

Chairman Porter noted that this is something the Board will look at in July.

2. Projects and Programs That May Be Issues in the Upcoming Year

Mr. Travous reported that over the last 6-8 months he has been reading numerous documents discussing what the future holds. He noted that the literature states that 40% of today's workforce will be eligible to retire in five years. He took a step back to see what will happen over the next few years within the agency. Pages 2 and 3 of the Board packet contain a list of what Executive Staff talked about. It shows what Executive Staff believe will need the most attention over the next year. There were 8 items that everyone agreed on. Because other things did not make the list does not mean they are not important.

Mr. Travous noted that #3 on the High Priority Projects list is Pay for Performance. He stated this will be a nightmare for staff. He noted that all State employees received an across-the-board pay raise of \$1,650 plus a 2.5% Pay for Performance raise. They will lose all but 0.8% of that 2.5% due to an increase in retirement withholding. In March 2007 they lose not the 0.8%, but 2.5% if they don't meet their performance measure. The guidelines for setting performance measures was just released last week. The agency can have a performance measure for each person or by section. If a section doesn't make the goal, no one in the section gets to keep their 2.5% raise. The agency has to figure out how to approach this problem. It will take a lot of staff time.

Mr. Travous noted that the 50th Anniversary (#2 on the list) starts in October. A lot of events are scheduled for next year. There is a list of events at each park. The annual TTC will be held in Prescott August 14, 15, and 16.

Mr. Travous noted that the High Priority Projects are prioritized; however the items under Project/Programs that Didn't Make the Priority List are not in any particular order. He noted that the detail begins on page 4 of the Board Packet. He suggested just going through the list and spending whatever time the Board felt was necessary on them.

Chairman Porter noted that Mr. Cordasco will spearhead this discussion.

3. IT Planning Goals and Plans for 2006-2009

Ms. Stewart noted that the document stated that there is a dedicated PAMS position funded but not filled.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that the agency is close to filling that position. A hiring list has not yet been requested. He noted that he met with Dept. of Administration (DOA)

two weeks ago. DOA did not want to uncover this position. It took a month to get them to accept staff's arguments. Additional paperwork was submitted last week. Staff are awaiting a response from DOA. Once that paperwork is received, staff must go through the normal process. If the necessary paperwork is received from DOA next week, staff sent out an announcement. Two or three weeks later staff set up the interviews. It would be 4-6 week for that process. He would be surprised if the position would be filled by the next Board meeting (July).

Ms. Stewart noted that that is two months away.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that having that position filled sooner will certainly help, but there is a lot of work going on without it. He hesitates to give the Board a date certain. This is a special position and will require a special person and time to get up to speed.

Chairman Porter noted that this position is critical. PAMS is a top priority and critical to the Board.

Mr. Siegwarth reported that Mr. Brad McNeil drafted the document. The intent is to show there is a lot going on and how he would like things to go in a perfect world. There are things staff have no choice over and things staff would like to do. Business continuity was decreed by the Governor through an Executive Order. We don't want our doorway open to terrorists to get into the statewide system. PAMS is the Board's number one priority. The agency will have an on-line gift shop this year. There will be problems staff will have to handle. There will be a need for consistent upgrades and system changes. Computer Support staff are very busy.

Ms. Stewart asked, from a practical standpoint, how long it will take to get usable information into PAMS and have all state parks and data bases on line – 5 years, 20 years, longer? She understands that it is a living thing. Thus far only 2 parks are listed. We have 20 plus other parks.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that everyone can get on PAMS now. It is not a great interface at this time; it is just to get people to understand how to get into it. Work is being done to get the statewide maps to a level of detail better than Google. Access should be available by the end of the year. It is a huge project.

Ms. Stewart asked what the maps will show.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that it would be better than Google. That's a huge project. Work is being done on invasive species and ADEQ. Work is being done on Admin and SHPO data. PAMS is a tool that, as it gets sharper, will become more useful. He doesn't believe any one park will be done. They will all gradually come on together. There is no end date.

Mr. Scalzo noted PAMS is an ongoing project.

Chairman Porter noted that the Board are not dissecting these Discussion topics today. The point is to understand what staff have on their plates.

Ms. Stewart responded that she would like an answer to her question.

Mr. Travous noted that he has been meeting with and talking to people in The Nature Conservancy (TNC) who are as good as anyone on putting things on the ground. They don't wait until they have all the information. They use the available science to make

decisions. Issues will arise at parks and there will be something that is not on PAMS and will have to be added later. There will be different layers. The first is probably topography and some others.

Ms. Stewart noted that some of the maps are available from other agencies. She would like to know in July when staff will have that basic information brought in and what the plan is to get these things that are already available. Access itself is like having no books in the library. She understands this is a living thing. She wants to know what tools will be available in a year.

4. ASP 50th Anniversary Planning Update

Mr. Ream reported that there will be an event at every park, in addition to one at the legislature. There will be a quick speech and a party. Staff wants to get local legislators out at their parks. He and Mr. Travous will be at each event. Mr. Travous will give a speech. Partners will be at the parks. The idea is to let people know we are the combined result of all our partners. Mayors will be invited to talk about how important state parks are to their communities. We want to let the legislators know we are more than 27 parks with picnicking. Staff are trying to get the Governor to proclaim Arizona State Parks 50th Anniversary week to coincide with the date of the signing of the state legislation that created the agency.

Mr. Cordasco asked whether there will be a condensed version of a history of the agency.

Mr. Ream responded affirmatively and that it is completed. It is a summary and will be in booklet form.

Ms. Stewart noted that Mr. Ream mentioned what great opportunity this is. She asked if there will be enough of the ASP brochures available for everyone who wants one. When one is visiting a specific park, there's not a lot of information available about the other parks.

Mr. Ream reported that there will be a tent set up for the events. There will be an exhibit just for the particular event that can be moved from event to event. The agency's partners will be there. There will be a group to pack it all up and move it. There will be pictures and cake. Then the specific event will begin.

Mr. Scalzo asked when the kick off with the legislature will be.

Mr. Ream responded that it could be March 2007. Staff are hoping for the week of March 25th if possible. March 28 was the date specifically requested.

Ms. Stewart asked what the theme will be for the legislature.

Mr. Ream responded that has not yet been determined. It could be components of various other exhibits.

Mr. Scalzo noted that his experience from the County's 50th Anniversary celebration is that people like to come to the local parks; they like the tie-ins, etc.

Ms. Stewart asked if visitors will be charged.

Mr. Ream responded that the only event we don't charge for is Verde Day.

Mr. Cordasco asked if there is a friends group for the County.

Mr. Scalzo responded that each of their parks has a friends group that assisted his staff.

Mr. Ream added there is a plein air event at some of the parks and there are artist events going on as well. It is quite extensive. He reported that the committee meets twice a month, but expects to cut back to monthly meetings.

Chairman Porter called for a Recess at 10:35 a.m.

Chairman Porter reconvened the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Mr. Cordasco made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Scalzo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 10:43 a.m.

- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Upon a public majority vote, the Board may hold an Executive Session which is not open to the public for the following purposes:
- 1. To discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3), including:**
 - a. Robertson Mediation (rock-throwing incident at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park)**
 - 2. To discuss or consult with its legal counsel in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the Board's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(4)**
 - a. Robertson Mediation (rock-throwing incident at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park)**

Chairman Porter reconvened the public meeting at 11:00 a.m.

G. ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Robertson Mediation (rock-throwing incident at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park)**

There was no action taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Porter returned to the Agenda. He noted that some of these items are clearly things that will not be taken up at the retreat portion of the July meeting.

5. Administrative Services Issues, Goals, and Plans for 2006-2009

Mr. Siegwarth reported that the Budget and Strategic Plan are due to the Governor September 1. They will be submitted to the Board for approval in July. The Efficiency Plan will be included with that information. There is also an IT plan. He will be very busy this summer planning through FY 09. The Performance Review discussed earlier is also due September 1.

Mr. Siegwarth reported that, regarding HRIS, there is no ability to not proceed since it is our payroll system. There are things that need to be done. Paychecks are a priority. There are other big projects that will involve his HRIS staff, such as Procurement. The

Governor has signed an Executive Order. Staff are involved in statewide procurement. If, for instance, we need to purchase mowers for the parks, staff have to be sure all state agencies are involved in the bidding process for those mowers. Staff still do concession contracts. The more projects we have going, the more contracts we have.

Mr. Siegwarth stated that Efficiency Review is a good thing, but we have to track things. The data collection workload for all managers is increasing.

Mr. Siegwarth stated that this report shows additional work staff do besides their normal run-of-the-mill work.

Ms. Stewart asked if staff requested a supplemental budget.

Mr. Siegwarth responded affirmatively.

Ms. Stewart requested that staff furnish the Board with a copy of that request.

Ms. Stewart referred to page 18 of the Board Packet regarding trying to increase revenue by electrifying camp sites, which also increases the electric cost. She asked if staff are keeping track of those increases and whether staff can quantify electrified camp sites versus those that are not.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that it is difficult to track usage. Staff were going to go through an all-out effort to do so, but when the pay raise issue came up, he had to put a stop on that effort. He can't use the system to track both utilities and performance.

Ms. Stewart asked if that usage can't be tracked by bills.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that it is difficult. There is a level of detail that is needed. He can give a round number for electrical costs. However, that doesn't give information to manage real electricity. The pay raise issue will have to be tracked monthly throughout the system. That data has to be input. It is a lot of work.

Ms. Stewart responded that the issue is whether we are getting a return on the investment and whether it pays to electrify.

6. ADEQ Compliance Task Items for 2006

Mr. Ream reported that he provided a detailed report at the last Board meeting. The agency has its approval of construction. ADEQ had management changes and staff are now dealing with different people from when we started. He stated that the agency is where it needs to be. ADEQ has not yet responded to staff's amendments to the Consent Order.

7. Foundation Policies, Programs

Mr. Travous reported that the Arizona State Parks Foundation (Foundation) has been going back and forth on a number of issues, including an agreement with the Parks Board. They are now looking at having a system where people in the park know what the Foundation can and cannot do and groups who want to raise money have guidelines as to what is and is not appropriate.

Chairman Porter stated he had a pleasant and productive meeting with Mr. Bill Roe brainstorming what the Foundation should be doing, things they can't do, etc. It is possible that the Board may proceed without an agreement. That would mean they

could not use the agency's logo and they will have to start supplying their own staff. They will need to stand on their own. He thinks the Foundation has a great foundation.

Ms. Stewart requested legal advice at the next meeting as to what is allowed relationships with organizations with which the Board does not have an agreement.

Mr. Travous responded that they would adopt By Laws that would protect the Board's interests.

Chairman Porter stated that this issue will not be on the July Agenda. It can be reviewed in September.

Ms. Stewart responded that she would like the requested legal advice in writing prior to the September meeting. She also wants advice on the issue of how the Foundation adopting By Laws would protect the Board since they can change their By Laws any time.

Mr. Woodling asked if this is a new foundation.

Chairman Porter responded affirmatively.

Mr. Woodling asked if Parks Board members serve on their Board.

Mr. Travous responded that he is an ex officio member of the Foundation's board.

Ms. Stewart stated that that is another issue she wants advice on – whether or not Mr. Travous can sit on their board if there is no agreement.

8. Plan to Improve Internal Agency Communications

Mr. Travous reported that Mr. Bob Lewis was hired as a consultant to investigate internal agency communications. Mr. Lewis submitted a report with suggestions on what should be done. It was found that because of the distances between Phoenix Office and the parks, silos have grown relating to information that can be used to control what is going on. A memorandum was sent from Executive Staff letting the employees know Executive Staff wanted to know how they felt. It was interesting to see that the employees only got two lines from that memorandum, and that they were taken out of context.

Ms. Stewart asked staff to send that report to the Board prior to the July Board Packet going out.

9. A Potential Retirement Tsunami: Potential Impacts of Retirement Within the Agency Through 2011

Chairman Porter suggested this might be more appropriate for the July meeting.

Mr. Travous requested the Board pay close attention to pages 23 and 24 of the Board Packet. This is all the information he can legally provide to the Board.

11. Patagonia Lake Boating Restrictions Follow-Up

Mr. Ream reported that this was a charge from the Board after eliminating jet skis at Patagonia Lake. He has not done anything other than thinking about how it might be done. One idea is to perhaps get a grad student involved. U of A thinks it's a 5-year study for Patagonia. ADEQ is conducting studies there. We are on their 5-year study schedule. Their issue is water quality (from mining residue).

Ms. Stewart asked if they might expand their study.

Mr. Ream responded that his third idea besides the U of A and ADEQ is that there have been other studies on other lakes. We could say we are similar to other lakes. If we use our population, we could possibly use their results.

Mr. Scalzo ask is staff could get information on revenue as a result of banning jet skis. It might be that by removing jet skis our revenue is down.

Ms. Stewart asked if there is any preliminary feedback on the public's reaction to the Board's action.

Mr. Ream responded he has received no feedback – which might be a good thing.

Mr. Travous responded that he received back from one person who thought it was the best thing since sliced bread.

12. Sedona Fire District Station at Slide Rock State Park

Mr. Ream reported that Sedona Fire District now feels the site across the street from the park does not fit their needs. He believes that Mr. Shoberg needs to come before the Board to make his pitch one more time.

Chairman Porter suggested giving them a small amount of time on the July business agenda.

Ms. Stewart noted that when the Board asked about the fire station being on the park property they said they did not need room for growth. This may not be a good thing for the July meeting.

Chairman Porter noted that it can be put off until the Board has a meeting in that area.

Chairman Porter called for a Recess at 11:25 a.m.

Chairman Porter reconvened the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

13. 2008 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Mr. Travous reported that this document allows the agency to be eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) money. That money does not always come through. It has been used to assist ASP and others to look into the future. The document now needs to be updated.

14. Update on Activities Conducted Under MOU with Hopi Tribe

Mr. Ream reported that the MOU with the Hopi has grown. They hired Ms. Susan Sekakuku to manage the MOU. The Board is helping the Hopi create a park system on Hopi land. One Board member, Mr. Cordasco, and one former Board member, Mr. John Hays, sit on their planning board. There have been three meetings. Things are moving rather swiftly for the Tribe. The Hopi provided \$100,000 to do this program. The idea is to create a gateway at Homolovi Ruins State Park to then visit the Hopi parks.

Chairman Porter stated he is very pleased to see how things are progressing on this project. This is an opportunity for a real partnership with the Hopi Tribe.

15. Yuma Master Plan

Mr. Ream reported that the agreement with the City of Yuma and the two parks has had its next evolution to create an Exhibit Master Plan. Staff have agreed to the contract and amendment to the IGA. An Exhibit Designer has been hired by the City of Yuma to create the Exhibit Master Plan. The next step will be to get money from the City of Yuma.

16. Makeup of and Anticipated Changes in the 48th Arizona Legislature

Mr. Travous reported that it doesn't look like the legislature will change much in the next year. There will be people moving from the House to the Senate. There are not many contested races at this time. The leadership will tell more of what the next couple of years will look like. The Senate presidency will be open. He distributed a document that provided a status of bills in the legislature.

Mr. Scalzo noted that some of the Republican legislators have fellow Republicans running against them. There could be some major changes in how the Republicans run the legislature.

17. Northern Arizona University – Red Rock State Park Partnership Proposal

Mr. Ream reported that he received an interesting proposal from NAU for an elder hostel at Red Rock State Park. They would like to begin this project next year. This is an exciting project. They would like to use hostel money to revamp the House of Apache Fire and use it for 25 weeks out of the year to provide lodging and an eatery in establishing an elder hostel program at Red Rock State Park.

Mr. Ream stated that the first phase would be to reconstruct the House of Apache Fire; the second would be construction of a dormitory to house 45.

Ms. Stewart stated that this is an environmental education center. She asked what the implication is of running a hotel on the park.

Mr. Ream responded that staff have done nothing. Mr. Wayne Fox, of NAU, wants to personally bring this proposal before the Board.

Mr. Cordasco noted that Mr. Fox did a study for Babbitts Ranches. When they presented the business plan and design and infrastructure, it was staggering how creative and forward and sensitive this group was in putting it all together.

Ms. Stewart stated her basic question is whether it's appropriate to have it on the park property.

Mr. Cordasco responded that a lot of the Board's conversations have been about how the park moves toward alternative energy. This would be an ideal opportunity to explore that with a group of people who have that experience. NAU is trying to be a leader in that area as well.

Mr. Scalzo noted that if the structure is designed right it could be an excellent facility on the park.

Chairman Porter stated that it sounds like something that might be up the Board's alley. The Board, at this point, couldn't do much more than authorize staff to express interest and have staff come back with their report.

Mr. Travous responded that staff can come back with a footprint of what they are talking about. There are water and sewer issues, as well as others.

Chairman Porter asked for legal advice as to whether the Board could tell staff to enter into discussions. He stated that he did not think a formal vote is necessary to direct staff to pursue information on the project.

Board Action

Mr. Scalzo: I move that staff provide the Board with a schematic of the plan for the site at a future meeting.

Ms. Chilton seconded the motion.

Ms. Stewart asked if the Board are entering into a planning process or getting additional information.

Mr. Scalzo responded he just wants additional information.

Ms. Stewart stated she doesn't want to give the impression the Board wants more than information.

Chairman Porter stated he wants them to understand the ball is in their court. They need to provide more information for the Board to consider.

Ms. Stewart noted that the Board need more than a schematic. The Board needs to know what their vision is regarding control of the property.

Mr. Ream responded that that is done. Mr. Fox wants the opportunity to present it to the Board personally.

Chairman Porter called for a vote on the motion on the floor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Porter noted that it will give them more time to prepare their presentation. They could come before the Board in September.

Ms. Stewart noted that it might be more appropriate for them to come before the Board in October when the Board is in that area and could tour the property.

18. Catalina State Park Vestar Development Proposal

Mr. Ream reported that he was approached by the Town Manager of Oro Valley to talk about issues concerning the park. The Town Manager told him about a major mall that is planned to go in directly across the street from the park. It is a large property. He believes staff need to be involved at the ground floor. There needs to be sensitivity to the park. He sees a potential of part of the family going to the mall and part of the family go hiking at the park.

Mr. Scalzo asked if staff could see if the developer would like to make a sizable contribution to the park in exchange for the agency's support.

Mr. Ream stated that he would like to have a meeting with Vestar.

Ms. Stewart noted that this raises the issue of how precarious the Kelly Ranch property is. If it's developed inappropriately, it could harm the park.

Mr. Ream responded that the Kelly property is owned by a development company (Sun Corp.) who is not interested in selling it; they are, however, interested in trading. He has contacted Pima County about it.

Ms. Stewart noted that the prices will sky rocket on the Kelly property if a mall is developed there.

Mr. Winkleman noted that the key is to get a representative of the Board involved in the process. There will be a zoning process they will have to go through in the future. They will have a lot of issues to contend with. The Board needs to be in the mix. ASP could a compromise deal. The Board could be a benefit to them in terms of what the people want to see in development and to the town with regard to taxes. The Board should come up with a list of things it could use in this regard. The key is to be in the room to throw out these ideas. He noted that he will be in Sun Corp's office this evening. He offered to speak with the President of Sun Corp to see what their vision is for the Kelly property.

Chairman Porter noted that the point of the issue with the mall is that the Board wants to be involved. If staff detect they are cool to that, they might want to remind Vestar that that the Board have a lot of people who support that park. Those people came out of the woodwork when that park was in danger of being closed several years ago. The Board does not want the park's supporters to be up in arms. If for no other reason, the Board should be involved.

19. AORCC Sunset

Mr. Travous reported that continuance of AORCC was held up apparently because no one came to the hearings last summer.

Mr. Scalzo noted that if AORCC fell off the map, this Board would have significantly more work. The Board needs to keep AORCC on the scene.

20. Fiscal Year 2007 Research & Marketing Projects

Mr. Travous referred to page 36 of the Board Packet and reviewed the 2007 projects.

Ms. Stewart referred to the Website. She asked if that means the gift shop will be on the website by 12/31/06.

Mr. Travous responded affirmatively.

Mr. Scalzo asked why the Board would pay GITA since it is also a government agency.

Mr. Travous responded that they run the portal.

Chairman Porter reminded staff of his previous comments about the website. He is not happy with it at this time.

Chairman Porter asked where things stand with the Diamondbacks.

Mr. Travous responded that staff have the agreement for the next year. After every ballgame there is a 30-minute show sponsored by ASP. Last week it was a 30-minute commercial for ASP where they went to Tonto Natural Bridge State Park. They are going to different state parks.

Chairman Porter noted that he received feedback from people who said they saw something about the agency at the game. It takes place Sunday afternoon after the game.

Mr. Ream added that ASP is also on a game fans play during the game called "Diamondback Bingo".

Ms. Stewart complemented staff on the diversification of advertising. She's heard ASP mentioned over the past year on several media formats.

Mr. Travous added that Ms. Bilbrey finds numerous ways to get stories in the media.

21. Reassessment of Grant Guidelines

Mr. Travous reported that staff are in the process of reviewing the grant guidelines. People come to AORCC and talk about things that didn't work in the last grant cycle. Staff then go back through the guidelines to see if those problems can be fixed.

22. Picket Post House at Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park

Mr. Travous reported that this property is for sale. He understands that Resolution Copper is thinking about doing something. This property was for sale 20 years ago for \$3.6 million; the appraisal stood at \$3,000 +.

Ms. Stewart asked if the Board has any money to purchase something like this.

Mr. Ream responded that there is always money. The question is what priority the chooses to use the money for. It depends on what the Board wants to give up in exchange for the purchase. There is also the potential for a number of partners on this property.

23. Camp Verde EnviroZeum Report

Mr. Travous reported that there is a group of people who want to put together an EnviroZeum in Camp Verde. Because the non-profit group wants to move forward quickly, they did not do what they said they would do and he cannot bring this project before the Board at this time.

Ms. Stewart stated she understands that it is currently before NAPAC. The Board should wait until NAPAC makes their decision.

Mr. Travous responded that he has a meeting with Mr. Dan Campbell and others from TNC and Salt River Project (SRP) next Friday regarding the Verde River being an endangered river. The Board needs to be careful purchasing any more properties along a river that may be dry in the near future.

24. Plan to Increase Group Tour Reservations at State Parks

Mr. Ream reported that this issue came out of a meeting regarding Kartchner Caverns State Park (KCSP) visitation. Staff could work on all the parks and themselves thin. The culmination of that meeting was the creation of a group tour planning committee to begin with KCSP and then other historic parks that would lend themselves well to bus tours.

Mr. Scalzo asked if the state can create new positions.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that staff are going to delete a position within Administrative Services and give it to Research and Marketing.

25. Update on AZSITE

Ms. Stewart asked if the disabling of the internal application was intentional.

Mr. Siegwarth responded affirmatively.

Mr. Travous added that there are people from U of A, SHPO, the State Museum, and others putting information in and trying to update it. Federal money has been received. The Governor recently signed an Executive Order making AZSITE the official place to go.

Chairman Porter tabled this issue to a future meeting.

26. Discussion on Agreement with Arizona Historical Society

Chairman Porter noted that Ms. Woosley is still ill. This issue will be put off for a while until she is doing better.

E. EXECUTIVE STAFF UPDATES

1. Feedback from Employee Survey

Ms. Stewart noted she requested information from data shown on page 12 of the last Board Packet. The issue the Board was concerned about was communication. They were interested in graphing Executive Staff's responses.

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

I. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Staff recommends that the next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting be held in Payson, AZ on July 19 and 20, 2006.

Chairman Porter stated that the next Parks Board meeting will be held at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park in Payson on July 19 and 20, 2006. He suggested beginning the meeting on July 19th at 1:00 p.m. and going as long as necessary. He suggested the Board try to finish on July 20th by noon. He wants the entire afternoon on the 19th available for a "retreat" type meeting. There will be no time certain for adjournment.

Mr. Travous responded that it will be a "retreat" format on the 19th and that Mr. Siegwarth will also present the budget. He stated that lunches could be provided for the Board at 11:30 a.m., prior to the start of the meeting.

Mr. Cordasco suggested setting a start time for the July 19th meeting at this time. He suggested it might be necessary to begin as early as 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Porter suggested waiting to see what the Agenda for that day looks like. He, Mr. Cordasco, and Mr. Travous will work on the Agenda together.

Chairman Porter added that there will be a cook-out that evening.

2. Board members may wish to discuss issues of concern and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.

Chairman Porter requested that the Board members contact him within the next week to advise him of any items they feel have not been touched on.

Ms. Hernbrode asked if the Board would prefer a written report on the rock throwing incident at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park.

Chairman Porter stated that a written report is sufficient.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

K. TOUR OF PICKET POST HOUSE

Some members of the Parks Board and staff toured the Picket Post House near the park. No business was conducted.

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William C. Porter, Chairman

Kenneth E. Travous, Executive Director